

Mobile Maternity Units for Gaza

"This Council:

Notes with grave concern the continuing genocide and humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and the devastating impact on pregnant women, newborn babies and families requiring urgent medical care.

Further notes that three mobile maternity units have been developed to provide safe and secure maternity and newborn care for women and babies in Gaza.

Commends the extraordinary fundraising efforts of Gaels Against Genocide and communities across Belfast, the North and Ireland which have made these three mobile maternity units possible. Many Belfast residents have contributed directly to this humanitarian effort, demonstrating the depth of solidarity in our city with Palestinian women, babies and families.

Is deeply concerned that, despite these efforts and the urgent humanitarian need, the units have not been permitted to enter Gaza.

Believes that humanitarian medical aid must never be blocked, and that pregnant women and babies must be protected in all circumstances.

Agrees to write to the First Minister and deputy First Minister, and all Executive Ministers, calling on the Northern Ireland Executive to make urgent representations to the Irish Government, UK Government and relevant international bodies to secure the immediate and unrestricted entry of these mobile maternity units into Gaza."

Proposer: Councillor Doherty

Seconded: Councillor McCusker